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Please do not accept the settlement whereby Microsoft would compensate for its anti-competitive behavior by donating a large amount of computer hardware and software to poor schools.

The reason is that this would have the unfortunate side-effect of increasing Microsoft's monopoly!

The education field is a strong venue for Apple Computer and Linux ? it's one of the few venues where Microsoft has any significant competition. Most of that competition could easily be wiped out by this huge, unfair inroad Microsoft would make into education.

If you want Microsoft to donate to poor schools, please have them donate something other than computer hardware & software, such as books for libraries and funds for repairs and renovations. If you do want them to contribute computer hardware & software to the schools, please stipulate that the products be non-Microsoft and/or non-Windows compatible.

Alternatively, if you do prefer that Microsoft donate from their own products, then please have the donations go to other types of non-profit organizations where MS products are already predominant ? but not to educational institutions.

Thank you.